IBM has a long history in the technology industry however they did not become a key player in the technology industry until the late 20th century. IBM was created by merging 3 companies in the early 20th century. The 3 different companies made weighing scales, employee time keeping systems, automatic meat slicers. The first IBM product to be created was in 1928 it was an 80-coloumn punched card. From the get go IBM was into the technology industry and creating new technology. In 1948 IBM created the first ever large scale calculating computer. It could only solve basic addition and multiplications however the speed in which it did it was very fast for that time. IBM went into the calculating industry as well as the typewriting industry; however it wanted to expand its company in the technology industry. IBM decided to become a competitor in the computing industry in 1952 by creating the IBM 701. It was the first scientific computer (calculator) to be introduced to the public however it was not user friendly. By the end of the 50’s IBM went abroad and opened its first research lab outside of the U.S. By 1964 IBM produced approximately 70% of all computers in 1964[[1]](#footnote-1). In the 1970’s the computer industry made its way into everyday life, and IBM played a big part in it with its invention of the floppy disk in 1971. During this time IBM started offering different services, they started with offering training for the disabled to be able to work in IBM. Before the 1980’s computers were used by scientists and researchers, and then IBM with its personal computer (pc), this opened many more doors for IBM. However for the first time ever IBM worked with other companies to create the first pc because the operating system was Microsoft, and the processor chip came from Intel.

I have talked a lot about what IBM has created, and what they have brought to the technology industry throughout the 20th century. Now I want to talk about what they are bringing to other IT businesses in the present day. I am going to focus on the different types of security services they offer to other businesses.

One of the security services that IBM has offered since 1995 is the management of security. This service is to help you manage and monitor your security operations no matter what type of technology you are using. The management of security services helps people get the expertise and tools you need to be able to keep your information from being attacked by the internet. IBM offers a single user interface which the user can then manage the overall security on their devices. They also offer this on a cloud base system however I will talk more about this later on in the report.

Another security service is Data security which helps safeguard your organizations most important data.

1. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\_of\_IBM [↑](#footnote-ref-1)